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In re Application of:)
John Coogan et al.)
Application No.: 09/857,688) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: October 3, 2001) Examiner: Thanh K. Truong
For: METHOD FOR CORRECTING)
POSITIONING ERRORS IN ROCK)
DRILLING, AND A ROCK DRILLING)
EQUIPMENT)

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Sir:

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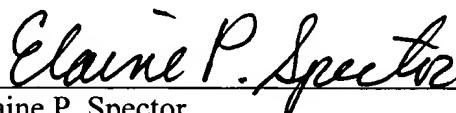
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Respectfully submitted,

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